

SERVICE CRAFT

The Navy Inactive Ships Program facilitates the disposal of Navy service craft, which are noncommissioned vessels that provide general yard and harbor support to combatant forces and shore establishments. Navy service craft include yard barges, harbor tugs, floating cranes, berthing barges and floating drydocks, and may be stationed around the world. When stricken from the Naval Vessel Register, PMS 333 uses Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) and General Services Administration (GSA) to transfer excess service craft to other federal agencies and donates surplus service craft to state and local public agencies or other non-federal activities for continued use or for public sale. Occasionally, PMS 333 may donate service craft for use as artificial reefs.



NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND
ATTN: PMS 333
1333 ISAAC HULL AVENUE S.E.
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD, DC 20376

NAVSEA_PUBLICQUERIES@NAVY.MIL

WWW.NAVSEA.NAVY.MIL/TEAMSHIPS/INACTIVESHIPS

NAVY INACTIVE SHIPS PROGRAM (PMS 333)



*The Navy's Agent for
Conventionally-Powered Ship
Inactivation & Reutilization*



NAVY INACTIVE SHIPS PROGRAM COMMITTS TO:

- Support U.S. foreign policy through ship transfers to allied and friendly navies
- Transition ships from the Fleet for storage and disposal
- Preserve our naval heritage through ship donations
- Enhance marine ecosystems through artificial reefing
- Protect the environment through ship dismantling and recycling



Navy Inactive Ships Program (PMS 333)

The Navy Inactive Ships Program (PMS 333) manages conventionally-powered U.S. Navy ships and craft that have reached the end of their service lives. PMS 333 is responsible for the planning, programming, budgeting, and execution of the Navy's inactivation, maintenance, and disposal of conventionally-powered surface ships.

SHIP INACTIVATION & MAINTENANCE

During a ship's inactivation, PMS 333 works with the Fleet to transition it from an operational status to a safe-stowage condition where the ship can be towed to an inactive ship maintenance facility. At these sites, PMS 333 field activities take custody of the ships and complete the preparations needed for long term storage or preparation for disposal. During storage, the Navy Inactive Ships Program inspects and maintains each ship as required to ensure security, fire, and flooding protection.

SHIP DISPOSAL

Since 1999, the ship dismantling program has received wide congressional and public recognition. Under this program, PMS 333 is responsible for:

- Quantifying the scope and costs associated with ship dismantling and recycling
- Awarding dismantling contracts to U.S. companies with acceptable environmental and occupational safety management plans, proven technical processes, adequate facilities, and properly trained personnel
- Overseeing the dismantling of each ship to ensure compliance with contract and management plan requirements

SHIP AND MATERIAL DONATION

For over sixty years, the Navy has donated historic and other ships as museums and memorials pursuant to the ship donation statute, Title 10 USC 7306. Transfers are at no cost to the U.S. government. Donated ships promote public interest in the defense of the nation, commemorate naval history and heritage, and safeguard the preservation of donated ships for future generations. There are forty-seven museum ships located in various states. PMS 333 also donates non-historic shipboard material from inactive ships in the Navy's inventory to eligible non-profit organizations for educational display purposes.

ARTIFICIAL REEFING

The Navy Artificial Reefing program, authorized by Congress in 2004, is the most recent disposal plan considered by the Navy. Through an application process, PMS 333 makes obsolete Navy vessels available to states for artificial reefing. Prior to reefing, the Navy Inactive Ships Program requires the ship to be environmentally cleaned in accordance with EPA Best Management Practice Guidelines. PMS 333 celebrated the successful launch of its reefing program on May 17th, 2006 with the sinking of the ex-ORISKANY, the largest ship ever to be intentionally sunk as an artificial reef.



Sinking of ex-ORISKANY
May 17, 2006

FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS)

PMS 333 manages the FMS Ship Transfer program for the sale and transfer of decommissioned U.S. Navy ships to allied foreign nations. All FMS Case funds are provided by the foreign customer. These ship transfers fulfill U.S. Foreign Policy objectives by:

- Improving the capability of allied and friendly navies
- Satisfying defense requirements of allied and friendly nations
- Fostering Navy interoperability and mutual defense arrangements

SINKEX

The U.S. Navy has a need for decommissioned ships for use in weapons development testing and Fleet training exercises. PMS 333 environmentally prepares decommissioned vessels for the active Fleet for use during sinking exercises (SINKEX), which provide various benefits to the Navy by:

- Supporting Fleet at sea live-fire exercises
- Enhancing and maintaining combat readiness of deployable units
- Providing a platform for weapons testing
- Aiding the development of future vessel construction through the collection of test data